

In the Specification:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

Page 2, replace the paragraph on lines 15-32 with the following:

In some embodiments the spine member is axially compressible and/or extensible. Plastics material is suitable for the spine members. Optionally, at least a part of the spine member is made of corrugated plastic. Alternatively, the spine member is made of composite plastics material or rubber. The spine may have a stiffening ~~metal~~ member such as a plastics, metal or composite plate covered with the plastics or rubber material.

Page 6, replace the paragraph on lines 14-15 with the following:

Fig 15a-15d ~~is a~~ show schematic views of different embodiments of the apparatus.